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Peiping Ministry Foreign Affairs 32nd (October 15) and 33rd (October 16) warnings protesting ship movements Fukien front area included assertions single US aircraft intruded into air space over Wai-Ling-Ting and Ta-Wan-Shan Islands (few miles southwest Hong Kong) on October 14 and 15 respectively. This is first time since promulgation CHICOM claim to 12-mile territorial sea and air that US intrusions into Chinese Air Hong Kong area have been charged in protests. Consulate General knows of no US military aircraft in areas concerned on dates indicated. RAF reports one CAT and one HAEC aircraft were in air on trial flights those days, could not specify exact areas but did not believe flights had actually approached CHICOM islands. Hong Kong British authorities are concerned lest CHICOMs challenge established air corridors from Hong Kong which pass near these islands. Context and general wording of protests give impression primary purpose at present is anti-US propaganda rather than harassment Hong Kong especially since no mention numerous other commercial flights same direction.

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